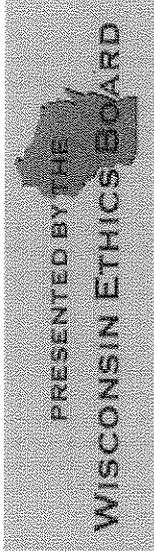


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**Senate Bill 392**

the removal by towing services of unregistered, abandoned, or illegally parked vehicles. (FE)

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## Committee on Transportation and Information Infrastructure

Date: 2/18

Moved by: BRESKE

Seconded by: KEDZIE

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Committee Member

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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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*Terry C. Anderson, Director  
Laura D. Rose, Deputy Director*

TO: SENATOR JOSEPH LEIBHAM, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE

FROM: Don Salm, Senior Staff Attorney

RE: Analysis of 2003 Senate Bill 392, Relating to the Removal by Towing Services of  
Unregistered, Abandoned, or Illegally Parked Vehicles

DATE: February 9, 2004

This memorandum analyzes 2003 Senate Bill 392, relating to the removal by towing services of unregistered, abandoned, or illegally parked vehicles. The bill was introduced by Senators Leibham and Breske; cosponsored by Representative Ainsworth and others. The Senate Committee on Transportation and Information Infrastructure will hold a public hearing on the bill on *Wednesday, February 11, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., in Room 412 East, State Capitol.*

### **REMOVAL AND IMPOUNDMENT OF UNREGISTERED OR ABANDONED VEHICLES**

#### **Current Law**

Current law provides that any city, village, or town (municipality) or any county may enact an ordinance prohibiting unregistered motor vehicles and providing for, among other things, the removal and impoundment of such vehicles. Upon discovery of an unregistered vehicle upon a highway, a law enforcement officer may cause the vehicle to be removed to a suitable place of impoundment. Upon removal, the law enforcement officer must notify the sheriff or chief of police of the location to which the vehicle has been removed and impounded and the reason for the impoundment. [s. 341.65 (2) (b), Stats.]

Current law also prohibits any person from abandoning a vehicle on a highway or public or private property and subjects abandoned vehicles to, among other things, removal and impoundment. Any municipality or county may enact an ordinance related to abandoned vehicles. Upon discovery of an abandoned vehicle upon a highway or public or private property, a law enforcement officer must cause the vehicle to be removed to a suitable place of impoundment. Upon removal, the law enforcement officer must notify the sheriff or chief of police of the abandonment and the location to which the vehicle has been removed and impounded. [ss. 342.30 (3) (a) and 342.40 (3) (a), Stats.]

**Senate Bill 392**

The bill specifies that a law enforcement officer who causes the removal of a vehicle by a towing service must, **within 24 hours of ordering the removal**, notify the towing service of the name and last-known address of: (1) the registered owner; and (2) all lienholders of record of the vehicle.

**REMOVAL OF VEHICLES VIOLATING PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON STOPPING, STANDING, OR PARKING**

**Current Law**

Current law, with certain exceptions, permits state and local highway authorities to prohibit or restrict the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles on highways under their jurisdictions. A traffic officer may require the removal, to a permissible parking area or to storage, of:

1. A vehicle on a highway in violation of limitations on stopping, standing, or parking;
2. A disabled vehicle that obstructs the roadway of a freeway or expressway;
3. A vehicle involved in trespass parking on private property; or
4. In any first class city (presently only Milwaukee), of a disabled vehicle causing a hazard on any portion of the interstate system, limited access highway, or expressway. [s. 349.13, Stats.]

**Senate Bill 392**

The bill creates a new provision [s. 349.13 (5) (c)] specifying that a traffic or police officer who requests removal of a vehicle by a towing service must, **within 24 hours of requesting the removal**, notify the towing service of the name and last-known address of the registered owner and all lienholders of record of the vehicle **if the removal is to be made to any location other than a public highway within one-half mile from the location from which the vehicle is to be removed.**

**INITIAL APPLICABILITY**

The bill specifies that if its provisions become law, the new law first applies to vehicles removed on the effective date of the new law.

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FAX COVER SHEET

To: Dan Lindstedt

From: Audra Millen

Date: 2-10-04 No. of Pages: 3

Phone: (414) 286-5593 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Message: Milwaukee always has to be difficult -

Three areas are marked w/ proposed change.

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The proposed amendments are apparently directed toward the situation where a local unit of government has contracted with a towing service, and the towing service has undertaken to provide any notice required pursuant to statute or ordinance. However, although the City of Milwaukee has entered into towing contracts pursuant to Section 101-25.5 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, it is the City, not the towing services, that provide the notice required under Sections 101-25-1 and 105-65-4-a. Therefore, (at least in the City of Milwaukee), the proposed amendments would not facilitate the giving of notice to registered owners or lienholders.

An exception should therefore be made in the proposed Senate Bill for local units of government that have contracted with towing services, but have retained the responsibility for the giving of notice pursuant to statute or ordinance. This change could be effectuated by the insertion of the highlighted language as follows:

341.65(2)(b) Any municipal or university police officer, sheriff's deputy, county traffic patrolman, state traffic officer or conservation warden who discovers any unregistered motor vehicle located upon any highway may cause the motor vehicle to be immobilized with an immobilization device or removed to a suitable place of impoundment. Upon immobilization or removal of the motor vehicle, the officer or warden shall notify the sheriff or chief of police of the location of the immobilized or impounded motor vehicle and the reason for the immobilization or impoundment. Unless notice to registered owners and lienholders is given by the municipality or county, upon causing the removal of the motor vehicle by a towing service, the officer or warden shall, within 24 hours of ordering the removal, notify the towing service of the name and last-known address of the registered owner and all lienholders of record of the vehicle.

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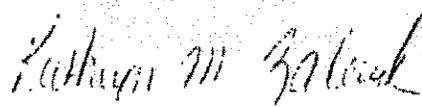
342.40(3)(a) Any municipal or university police officer, police officer appointed under s. 16.84(2), sheriff's deputy, county traffic patrolman, state traffic officer or conservation warden who discovers any motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or mobile home on any public highway or private or public property which has been abandoned shall cause the vehicle to be removed to a suitable place of

② → impoundment. Upon removal of the vehicle the officer or warden shall notify the sheriff or chief of police of the abandonment and of the location of the impounded vehicle. [Unless notice to registered owners and lienholders is given by the municipality or county,] upon causing the removal of the motor vehicle by a towing service, the officer or warden shall, within 24 hours of ordering the removal, notify the towing service of the name and last-known address of the registered owner and all lienholders of record of the vehicle.

③ → 349.13(5)(c) [Unless notice to registered owners and lienholders is given by local authorities] a traffic or police officer who requests removal of a vehicle under subs. (3) to (4) by a towing service shall, within 24 hours of requesting the removal, notify the towing service of the name and last-known address of the registered owner and all lienholders of record of the vehicle if the vehicle is to be removed to any location other than a public highway within one mile from the location from which the vehicle is to be removed.

Very Truly Yours,

  
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 Department of Public Works



# WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE

## ASSEMBLY BILL 758 / SENATE BILL 392

TESTIMONY OF CO-AUTHORS  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE JOHN AINSWORTH AND STATE SENATOR JOE LEIBHAM

- Wednesday, February 11, 2004 -

Good morning Committee members.

As the authors of Assembly Bill (AB) 758 and the companion legislation Senate Bill (SB) 392, we would like to thank you for your willingness to hear testimony on these bills which seeks to aid towing service companies in identifying the owners or lien holders of unregistered, abandoned or illegally parked vehicles.

The legislation before you is an effort to enhance cooperation between law enforcement and towing service companies who work to promote safety on our roadways. Under current law, any city, village, or town (municipality) or any county may enact an ordinance prohibiting unregistered motor vehicles and providing for the removal and impoundment of such vehicles. Current law also prohibits any person from abandoning a vehicle on a highway or public or private property and subjects abandoned vehicles to, among other things, removal and impoundment. Furthermore, current law allows, with certain exceptions, state and local highway authorities to prohibit or restrict the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles on highways under their jurisdictions.

In each instance, the proper law enforcement officer has the legal authority is able to request that the vehicle in violation be removed. The small-business owners of local towing service companies process the actual removal of the vehicle. The burden of retrieving the contact information and/or locating the owner or responsible party typically falls upon the towing service company.

AB 758 and SB 392 seek to assist the towing service companies who remove these vehicles from our roadways by providing them with the necessary owner contact information. This legislation would require that a law enforcement officer who causes the removal of a vehicle by a towing service must, within 24 hours of ordering the removal, notify the towing service of the name and last-known address of the registered owner and all lien holders of record of the vehicle.

Towing services need this information to notify owners and lien holders of the removal of illegally stopped, standing or parked vehicles so that they may be reclaimed. Police departments have ready access to this information, and should easily be able to provide it to the towing service they requested for the removal.

Towing services are presently authorized to obtain this information under the Federal Drivers Privacy Protection Act. This proposal just ensures that they receive the information automatically, and in a timely manner.

Wisconsin State Patrol has indicated that owner or lien holder information is currently available to law enforcement on a short timeframe, thus there should be no additional cost to law enforcement to provide this information to towing services.

With cooperation between the public and private sector, requiring law enforcement to provide readily available and easily accessible information to towing service companies, we can help make Wisconsin neighborhoods and roadways safer with the passage of AB 758 and SB 392.

In closing, we thank you for your attention to AB 758 and SB 392 and for your consideration of these worthy pieces of legislation.

Thank you.

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## JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

**Assembly Committee on Transportation  
Senate Committee on Transportation and Information Infrastructure**

### **Assembly Bill 758/Senate Bill 392**

**Relating to: the removal by towing services of unregistered, abandoned, or illegally parked vehicles.**

Our Association would not be here today testifying in support of AB-758 and SB-392 if local units of government followed the current law at s.342.40 governing the disposition of abandoned motor vehicles. This law indicates that they are responsible for notifying registered owners of abandoned vehicles that they must be reclaimed or they will be disposed of (see s. 342.40(3)(c)). We would also add that current law requires municipalities to be responsible to towing services for the costs of requisitional towing of abandoned vehicles. This mandate is more often than not ignored.

The failure of most local units of government to follow the provisions of our abandoned vehicle law has resulted in towing services having to bear the burden of notification to enforce their towing and storage lien on a vehicle that essentially has no value. The result is that the towing service receives no compensation for the towing, storage and disposal of these abandoned vehicles.

All we are asking with this legislation is to at least require local units of government and their law enforcement agencies assist towing services by providing the vehicle owner/lienholder information to assist in the process required for the final disposition of the abandoned vehicles they order towed.

We don't feel this assistance is an extraordinary burden on their resources as this is information they have ready access to. We would also add that towing services are entitled to this information under the federal Drivers Privacy Protection Act at Title 18 USC, Ch. 123, Sec. 2721(7).

We would again reiterate that the towing service is assuming the responsibility of notification that rightfully belongs to the local unit of government relative to abandoned vehicles. The minimal assistance in providing the notification information would greatly assist in timely disposition of these vehicles and help reduce the costs involved. For these reasons, the Wisconsin Towing Association recommends enactment of Assembly Bill 758 or Senate Bill 392.

**MORE ON STORAGE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES** (W.T.A Bulletin, Feb/Mar 1994)

On the subject of tow truck operators receiving payment for towing and storing abandoned vehicles for local units of government, we have receive additional information that confirms what is already very obvious. First, tow truck operators seldom get paid for towing abandoned vehicles and second, never get paid for the storage, unless you consider the receiving of vehicle in question for its salvage value compensation.

If you will recall when they passed Wisconsin Act 23, which had to do with the impoundment of unregistered vehicles, we asked the legislature to direct the DOT to do a feasibility study as to requiring sellers to notify the DOT when a vehicle is sold between private parties. DOT did the study and issued a report not recommending a mandatory seller notification.

The basis of their recommendation was that during the period studied, from October of 1991 to October of 1992, there were only 6,200 abandoned vehicles in Wisconsin, which was only 1 percent of the nearly 600,000 privately transacted sales annually. They indicated that the "program implementation and ongoing operational costs are not justified by the limited number of abandoned motor vehicles. . . ."

Upon researching the report, we found that the 6,200 abandoned vehicles were based on the number of Certificates of Transfer of Abandoned Vehicles recorded by the State. So we asked for the DOT for a list of which local units of government issued the certificates and how many.

Out of the 6,177 Certificates issued, 4,891 were issued by Milwaukee, 467 by Madison, 218 by West Allis and 130 by Racine for a total of 5,706 for these four cities. 58 local governments issued the remaining 471 certificates.

So, what did the other 1,858 municipalities, counties and towns in Wisconsin do with their abandoned vehicles? Maybe they had them all towed over to Milwaukee or Madison because they know how to follow the law in dealing with abandoned cars. No, probably not, because we don't think any of our members would tow an abandoned car all the way to Milwaukee and not get paid for it. What we think they really did was this. They had the local tow truck operator tow them to his storage lot. Did he get paid for the towing? Probably not. Did he get paid for storing the car? No. So what's a body to do? Stop taking those calls from the local police or county sheriff to pick up those '72 Buicks with no license plates, left along side the road. Not a good idea if you want to stay on the "list". If you decide to sever your "working" relationship with the local law enforcement folks, you better have enough other business to take up the slack. Based on the number of calls we receive about the importance of getting tow calls from the police/sheriffs' departments, this is neither an easy business decision to make nor one that should be taken lightly. At this point in time, you should probably put a pencil to it. How much of your business comes from law enforcement versus other commercial activity? Is the hassle of dealing with abandoned vehicles worth the profits derived from the other law enforcement towing calls you receive? This is really a tough call for operators to make, and the sad part of this is that no one would have to make these kinds of decisions if these cities and counties would follow the State's abandoned vehicle law like they do in Milwaukee and Madison.

Hopefully, we will be able solve our abandoned vehicle problem by changing the law to reduce the number of abandoned vehicles and by educating local units of government to establish a system based on law provided for handling abandoned vehicles

We have yet to know of one private towing firm that operates in Wisconsin that receives direct payment for storing abandoned vehicles. This is not right and some how we must work to change this situation. Wisconsin law provides that the "municipality shall be responsible to the towing service for requisitional towing service and reasonable charges for impoundment."

**342.40 Vehicle abandonment prohibited; removal; disposal.**

(1) No person shall leave unattended any motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer or mobile home on any public highway or private or public property, for such time and under such circumstances as to cause the vehicle to reasonably appear to have been abandoned. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whenever any vehicle has been left unattended without the permission of the property owner for more than 48 hours in cities of the 1st class and, in other cities, villages and towns, a period set by the governing body thereof, the vehicle is deemed abandoned and constitutes a public nuisance. A motor vehicle shall not be considered an abandoned motor vehicle when it is out of ordinary public view, or when designated as not abandoned by a duly authorized municipal or county official pursuant to municipal or county ordinance.

(2) Any vehicle in violation of this section shall be impounded until lawfully claimed or disposed of under sub. (3) except that if it is deemed by a duly authorized municipal or county representative that the cost of towing and storage charges for the impoundment would exceed the value of the vehicle, the vehicle may be junked or sold by the municipality or county prior to expiration of the impoundment period upon determination by the chief of police or sheriff having jurisdiction that the vehicle is not stolen or otherwise wanted for evidence or other reason. All substantially complete vehicles in excess of 19 model years of age shall be disposed of in accordance with sub. (3) (c).

(3) Any municipality or county may enact ordinances governing the removal and disposal of abandoned vehicles and, except for abandoned vehicles that have been stolen, provide a forfeiture in addition to providing for the recovery by the municipality or county of the cost of impounding and disposing of the vehicle.

(a) Any municipal or university police officer, sheriff's deputy, county traffic patrolman, state traffic officer or conservation warden who discovers any motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or mobile home on any public highway or private or public property which has been abandoned shall cause the vehicle to be removed to a suitable place of impoundment. Upon removal of the vehicle the officer or warden shall notify the sheriff or chief of police of the abandonment and of the location of the impounded vehicle.

(b) The owner of any abandoned vehicle except a stolen vehicle is responsible for the abandonment and all costs of impounding and disposing of the vehicle. Costs not recovered from the sale of the vehicle may be recovered in a civil action by the municipality against the owner. Whether or not the municipality recovers the cost of towing and enforcement, the municipality shall be responsible to the towing service for regulsitional towing service and reasonable charges for impoundment. (emphasis added)

(c) Any vehicle which is deemed abandoned by a duly authorized municipal or county representative and not disposed of under sub. (2) shall be retained in storage for a minimum period of 10 days after certified mail notice has been sent to the owner and lienholders of record to permit reclamation of the vehicle after payment of accrued charges. Such notice shall set forth the year, make, model, and serial number of the abandoned motor vehicle, the place where the vehicle is being held, and shall inform the owner and any lienholders of their right to reclaim the vehicle. The notice shall state that the failure of the owner or lienholders to

## 342.40(3)(c) continued

exercise their rights to reclaim the vehicle under this section shall be deemed a waiver of all right, title, and interest in the vehicle and a consent to the sale of the vehicle. Each retained vehicle not reclaimed by its owner or lienholder may be sold. The municipality or county may dispose of the vehicle by sealed bid or auction sale as provided by ordinance. At such sale the highest bid for any such motor vehicle shall be accepted unless the same is deemed inadequate by a duly authorized municipal or county representative, in which event all bids may be rejected. If all bids are rejected or no bid is received, the municipality or county may either readvertise the sale, adjourn the sale to a definite date, sell the motor vehicle at a private sale or junk the vehicle. Any interested person may offer bids on each abandoned vehicle to be sold. If municipal or county ordinances do not state the procedure to be followed in advertising or providing public notice of the sale, a public notice shall be posted at the office of the municipal police department or the office of the county sheriff. The posting of the notice at the police or sheriff's department shall be in the same form as the certified mail notice sent to the owner or lienholders of record. Upon sale of an abandoned vehicle, the municipality or county shall supply the purchaser with a completed form designed by the department enabling the purchaser to obtain a regular certificate of title for the vehicle. The purchaser shall have 10 days to remove the vehicle from the storage area, but shall pay a reasonable storage fee established by the municipality or county for each day the vehicle remains in storage after the 2nd business day subsequent to the sale date. Ten days after the sale, the purchaser shall forfeit all interest in the vehicle and the vehicle shall be deemed to be abandoned and may be sold again. Any listing of vehicles to be sold by any municipality or county shall be made available to any interested person or organization which makes a written request for such list. The municipality or county may charge a fee for the list.

(e) Within 5 days after the sale or disposal of a vehicle as provided in this subsection or sub. (2), the municipality or county shall advise the department of the sale or disposition on a form supplied by the department.

(4)

(a) In this subsection, "state agency" has the meaning given for "agency" in s. 227.01 (1)

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a state agency responsible for the land on which a vehicle is left unattended and a duly authorized representative of that agency may exercise all of the powers and duties under this section of a municipality and a duly authorized municipal representative, subject to the following conditions:

1. Whenever a vehicle has been left unattended without the permission of the state agency for more than 72 hours, the vehicle is deemed abandoned and constitutes a public nuisance.

2. The state agency may promulgate rules governing the removal and disposal of abandoned vehicles and, except for abandoned vehicles that have been stolen, provide a forfeiture in addition to providing for the recovery by the state agency of the cost of impounding and disposing of the vehicle.

(c) This subsection applies to any vehicle deemed abandoned before April 30, 1996, except that no forfeiture may be assessed against the owner of such a vehicle.

History: 1971 c. 131; 1973 c. 213; 1977 c. 29 s. 1654 (7) (a); 1977 c. 68, 203, 447; 1989 a. 134; 1995 a. 216; 1997 a. 27.

## WISCONSIN ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES SURVEY

### RESULTS

**Respondents to survey: 32 (as of 1-6-94)**

Amore's Towing, Oconto Berg's Automotive Center, Menomonie Bud's Service Center, Kenosha Carlton Automotive, Oostburg Don's Towing & Repair, LaCrosse Don's Automotive/Towing, Baraboo Edgerton Shell Oasis, Edgerton Emergency Starting & Towing, Watertown Hofferts Auto Service, West Bend Ken's Amoco, Princeton Maginnis Towing, Pardeeville Ohm's Towing, Eau Claire Ray's Towing, Inc., Milwaukee Rocky's Service, Cable Sorenson Towing, Minocqua Vehicle Towing, Milwaukee	Area Wide Towing, Plainfield Bob's Standard Service, Prairie du Chien C.A.R.S. Auto Body, Cadott Dewey's Service, Beloit Don's Towing Service, Inc., Madison Duane's Service, Eagle River Elder's Service, Inc., Waukesha Hayward Auto Body, Hayward J&L Auto Towing, Inc., Milwaukee Korth, Inc., Greenville Nolte's Northside Service, Oshkosh Parkway Garage, Oshkosh Road Patrol, Milwaukee Don Scharf Automotive, Eagle River Tomlinson Towing & Recovery, Ashland Whealon Towing & Service, Fond du Lac
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**No System to insure compensation for the towing & storage of abandoned vehicles**

<u>Counties</u>	<u>Municipalities</u>	<u>Towns</u>
Adams	Washington	Hallie
Bayfield	Waushara *	UW Parkside
Columbia	Winnebago	
Crawford		
Chippewa		
Oconto		
Dodge		
Eau Claire		
Fond du Lac		
Green Lake		
Iron		
Jefferson		
Kenosha		
LaCrosse		
Milwaukee		
Oconto		
Outagamie		
Onieda		
Portage		
Sawyer		
Vilas		
Washburn		
	Altoona	Silver Lake
	Baraboo	Twin Lakes
	Beloit *	Waukesha
	Brookfield	Wauwatosa
	Boulder Jct.	
	Cambria	
	Eagle River	
	Edgerton	
	Franklin	
	Hayward	
	Janesville	
	Kenosha	
	LaCrosse	
	Lac Du Flambeau	
	Menomonie	
	Minocqua	
	Oconto	
	Oshkosh	
	Pardeeville	
	Prairie du Chien	
	Pleasant Prairie	
	Princeton	
	Randolph	
	Rio	

\* Issue a Certificate of Transfer of Abandoned Vehicle in lieu of direct compensation

**Page 2 - Wisconsin Abandoned Vehicle Survey**

**Pay directly for towing:**

City of Ashland  
City of Eau Claire  
City of Fond du Lac  
City of Greendale  
City of Madison  
City of Milwaukee  
City of Monona  
City of Watertown  
City of West Bend

Ashland County  
Dane County  
Dunn County  
Sheboygan County

**Pay directly for storage or issue a Certificate of Transfer of Abandoned Vehicle**

- \* City of Baraboo
- \* City of Beloit
- \* City of Madison
- \* City of Maple Bluff
- \* City of Monona
- \* City of Oshkosh
- \* City of Waukesha
- \* Dane County
- \* Rock County
- \* Sauk County
- \* Waukesha County

\* It appears that no tow operator receives cash payment for storage. Only the salvage value of the abandoned vehicle through the issue of a Certificate of Transfer of Abandoned Vehicle.

**Average time vehicle is stored (from the time it is towed in to the time of disposal):**  
**72.5 days**

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR SELLING A VEHICLE

Wisconsin Department of Transportation  
MV2928 12/2002

**Before you sell a vehicle in Wisconsin, you must have a title in your name, even if you have never driven the vehicle. If you have lost your title, contact the Division of Motor Vehicles to obtain a replacement.**

**Never sign your title or give it to anyone until you have been paid for the vehicle.**

Once you have sold your vehicle, you must do the following:

- Sign and date the title in the area for the signature of the selling owner or owners. If the title shows more than one owner and the names are separated by the word "and", all owners shown must sign. If the word "or" separates the names, any of the owners shown may sign.
- Fill in the vehicle odometer mileage statement on the title. This is required under federal law.
- Complete the brand disclosure area on the title (if applicable).
- Fill in the selling price on the title. The Department of Revenue checks titles and investigates suspiciously low sale prices.
- Fill in the name and address of the buyer or buyers on the title.
- If you owe money for your vehicle, pay off the loan. Provide the buyer with a lien release document from your lien holder; the buyer will need this to title the vehicle.
- Remove the license plates from the vehicle. If the vehicle is a truck registered at 10,000 pounds or more, a farm truck registered at 16,000 pounds or more, a moped, a trailer or a mobile home, the license plates stay with the vehicle and do not need to be removed.

Additional information from the WisDOT, Division of Motor Vehicles is available on our website at [www.dot.wisconsin.gov](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov) or by calling 608-266-1466.

The Bill of Sale below is provided for your convenience, and when completed, can be your documentation of the sale. It should be kept with your records. Make a copy for the buyer. **Do not submit this to DMV.**

### Bill of Sale

Vehicle Year	Make	Model	Body Type	Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)		
Sale Date			Purchase Price		Vehicle Delivery Date	
Seller Name - Print				Buyer Name - Print		
Seller Name -- If Joint Ownership - Print				Buyer Name - If Joint Ownership - Print		
Seller Driver License # - As Proof of Identity				Buyer Driver License # - As Proof of Identity		
Street Address				Street Address		
City		State	Zip Code	City		State Zip Code

I, the undersigned seller, do sell the above-described vehicle to the buyer for the amount shown and certify that all of the information provided in this Bill of Sale is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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(Seller Signature) (Date)

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(Buyer Signature) (Date)

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(Seller Signature -- If Joint Ownership) (Date)

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(Buyer Signature -- If Joint Ownership) (Date)